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AND DISTRIBUTED PRINTING
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A1 relates to a printer printing system using a hardware RIP device connected to a LAN.

Document A2 relates to an image processor and its method.

Document A3 relates to a digital printing system.

English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

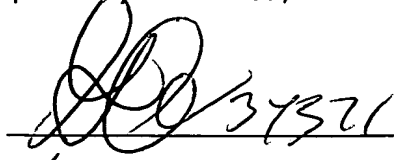
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							YES	NO
	A1	9-97143	April 8, 1997	Japan				Abstract
	A2	10-289066	Oct. 27, 1998	Japan				Abstract
	A3	11-249841	Sept. 17, 1999	Japan				Abstract

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